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A Card.

There have been many private letters addressed to me, during the past few weeks, inquiring after my own health, and the condition of my son Charlie's eyes, since I had him to Cincinnati. Of the latter I am happy to say that his eye sight is gradually improving by the use of the glasses prescribed for him by Dr. Sattler, of the firm of Williams, Sattler and Ayers. He goes to school and can see to study his books without difficulty. As to myself, I have been on the sick list for the last few months, and am not well yet, though I have improved in some respects. I have not despaired of entire recovery; but need to exercise great patience on account of the stubbornness of the disease and its slowness in yielding to the physician's remedies.

To the many friends who have expressed kind words of sympathy I hereby express my sincere thanks, but as I cannot in my present condition answer you all privately I write this card for the EVANGELIST.

E. L. YODER.

Church and Field.

"Peculiar Conversions" will be the College pulpit topic next Sunday.

Bro. Shaver's correspondence for next week reports several more accessions by baptism.

Remember that we have an excellent school here at Ashland, and good boarding very cheap.

Bro. Holsinger is now at South Bend, Ind., and is about persuaded to visit Iowa on his mission, next.

To make church work a success we must work ourselves. The Lord helps those who help themselves.

A good commencement of a grand work for the Master has been made in the Virginias within the past year.

If our evangelists are diligent and instant in season, nearly a thousand precious souls will be numbered with the saved during the Winter and Spring.

Our correspondents will please remember that there is a newspaper in Ashland, named the ASHLAND PRESS, and that letters so directed, will not come to us.

Bro. McFaden has come to a good resolution on holding protracted meetings. What he says is true. It usually requires a week to get under good heading.

Do not think that you are of little consequence in the Master's vineyard. If you cannot preach with your tongue, you can do it by act, and deeds of love and compassion.

Bro. P. J. Brown, being a modest man, does not report the number of additions to the church he witnessed in his tour through Pennsylvania and Virginia. Yet it is true that some were added to the church through his preaching.

Sister Mary Myers, teacher of the infant Sunday school class at the College chapel, gave her class a supper at her home on last Friday evening. Sister Mary is the successor of "Aunt Lottie," and is a great favorite among the members of her class.

Our West Virginia brethren seem to think there was not a turn out as there should have been at their convention. It requires time to counteract old influences. We must educate ourselves to these new lines of work before we will do our duty as we should.

Bro. Mason has found some chronic coldness in spiritual life in his mission work. That is not the only place where that spiritual disease is prevalent. We all need to go up to the Gospel fire and take a good warming, that we may be more active in good works.

ELKHART, IND.—Bro. J. H. Miller, of California told more truth in his article in last week's EVANGELIST headed "Hard Times," than what has been told in one newspaper article, in so many words, in forty years.

N. A. FRAME.

ALBRIGHTSVILLE, W. VA., Oct. 13th.—Our Convention is among the things of the past. It was the first S. S. Convention held in W. Va. It was not as well represented by the Brethren as should have been; but, considering our disadvantages, we think it did a good work and was a success. Bro. P. J. Brown, of Ohio, was with us, and took an active part in the work. He gave us several interesting and instructive talks on the different topics, which were highly appreciated. Bro. Brown is full of life and energy and can always manage to get "spice" enough in his discourses to make them interesting and lively. We are much indebted to Bro. Brown for the interest manifested in our Convention, which contributed very largely to its success. He was also present at our love-feast and officiated. The feast was well attended and seemingly well enjoyed by all present. Bro. Brown, during his stay with us, in addition to other work, preached us three good Gospel sermons, which we very much enjoyed. We were sorry to part with him, but hope he will remember us and make this one of his passing ways whenever he can conveniently do so. Bro. W. N. Trent, of Somerset, Pa., was also with us during our Convention and love-feast, and made many friends. Come again, Bro. Trent.

We learn from Bro. Wilt that he will soon commence his winter's campaign, having already received several calls. Hope he may have abundant success.

The time is now here for active work, in which all should earnestly engage and strive by their united efforts to have a glorious ingathering of precious souls.

A. M. RIDENOUR.

THORNVILLE, O., Oct. 11th.—I feel it a duty to write a few lines for the EVANGELIST, thinking I might do something for the cause of Christ. Much might be done if we would only make an effort. We are entirely too indifferent; not only in writing, but in many ways. In the church and in our homes, we neglect our duty as Christians. We all have a duty to perform in some way.

We can do acts of kindness, ask a poor member home with us, make him feel welcome, and by this we may make him feel at home in the church that he may be an active Christian. In the same way we can deal with those who are standing outside of the ark of safety. If we would speak cheerfully and kindly to those, we might make them feel welcome to be with us. Let us not be selfish; let us be pure; let us go forth and do good, and we all shall receive a crown of life.

Let us all write as often as we can; fill the ENANGELIST with good news and not put the whole burden upon the poor editors. Too much has been put upon them lately. I mean those who have not written. The editors have done their part well.

Let us all so live that we may all have eternal life.

BARBRA HELSER.

DOWAGIAC, MICH., Oct. 4th—During the last year, what few there are of us here in Michigan, have been laboring for the Master's honor and glory and the salvation of souls. Our labor has been crowned with success. Through the labors of J. C. Cripe, C. A. Price, John Shank, and myself, with the help of the churches, there have been seventeen added to the church, and the Cause is in a prosperous condition. The German Baptists have crowded us out of our church house here, in the Newton Grove church, and the church here concluded to build a house. Through the help of our neighbors, and the blessings of God, we have our house inclosed and is fast being completed, and probably will be dedicated some time this fall. The church has the sympathy of the surrounding community, and judging from the success we had last winter, amidst all the opposition which we met, we have reason to believe that God approved of our labors, for which we try to be thankful.

For about four weeks, last winter, Bro. J. C. Cripe labored day and night with the church here, and our labors were crowned with the addition of nine precious souls, the Lord being our helper. We expect to unsheath the sword of the Spirit for a winter's campaign.

Communion services were held at Almena church, Vanburen Co., Mich., Sept. 26th. We had a very enjoyable meeting, and the church was much built up and strengthened. The church at this place is a live one, having an edifying Sunday school and meeting services every two weeks. We met our beloved and much esteemed brother, C. A. Price, from Barry Co., at that communion. He is standing fast in the liberty with which Christ makes his children free when they forsake all for him.

Brethren pray for us that the Lord will save us with his everlasting salvation.

The EVANGELIST is gaining in favor among the people here. Now may the good Lord bless you and help you to make the paper edifying, and to prove a lasting benefit to those who read it.

WALTER CLARK.

From Northwestern Ohio.

Perhaps some would like to hear from us as the good work is going on. Some are coming in, and some are moving West. Two of our members started for Kansas last week.

One was baptized a few weeks ago, and two more were baptized last week, and one came by relation.

Our communion is also in the past. Had a refreshing time. Bro. Cripe of Elkhart, Ind., Bro. Stuckman of Defiance, O., were with us and labored in word and doctrine. Had an enjoyable feast. About fifty communed and good order prevailed throughout the services.

May the Lord bless his people everywhere.

D. M. RITTENHOUSE.

Cambria County Items.

On Sunday Oct. 11th, brother Buckalew, German Baptist minister preached on the subject of baptism at the Horner meeting house. He divided his subject in the following manner: first, the necessity; second, the design; third, the proper subject; fourth the mode. Had a large congregation of attentive listeners. At 7 p. m., public services were again held, with quite a large congregation, entirely too large to be disappointed, so a subsitute was found in the person of S. A. Moore, of Nine Counties.

On Thursday at 3 p. m., held a choice for two deacons, resulting in the selection of Jesse Berkeybile and David Troxel, who were duly installed according to German Baptist ruling. Here we observed a slight deviation from the Scripture, or at least from the way we understand the Word of God. In the evening communion services were held and quite a pleasant meeting it was, but during these solemn services there was, we think, a clinging to Annual Meeting ruling rather than the Gospel.

During brother Buckalew's stay with his brethren at this place he preached nineteen or twenty sermons and held the communion.

Immediate results five baptized, two reclaimed, but none by relation. Our brethren here seem to have taken a decided stand in favor of Gospel liberty, although these meetings were liberally supported by members of the Brethren church; and indeed had it not been for this these meetings would have fallen far short of what they were.

I was permitted to attend and hear brother Buckalew preach quite a number of times; also spent some time in visiting with him from house to house, and yet I have been, am now, and will be one of the Brethren from the crown of my head to the sole of my feet, until this matter is fully reconciled all over this land.

With the help of God, I will stand firm on Gospel ground, Can't be bribed, bought nor persuaded, and will be one of the last to yield until this matter is reconciled on Gospel terms.

STEPHEN HILDEBRAND.

Mineral Point, Pa.

Memoriam.

Sister Margaret Bowser, wife of Bro. Frederick Bowser, of the Glade Run District, departed this life, July 31, 1885, aged about 26 years. Sister Bowser was reclaimed by the Brethren on the 25th of May, 1885. She requested that communion be admitted which was done on the evening of July 1st. After communion she desired to be annointed, and when that service had been attended to, she expressed herself as ready to depart and be with her Lord. Sister Maggie, as she was familiarly called, was always met with that heartfelt welcome, that we give the flowers of May, on account of her honest principles and her plain and sympathetic manner.

The deceased was followed to her last resting place by a large crowd of sympathizing friends and relatives who assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to the departed one. Sister Maggie was a victim to that dread disease, consuption.

The funeral discourse was delivered by Eld. J. B. Wampler from the Epistle of James 4: 17. assisted by Rev. J. A. Gregg, of the Presbyterian church, to a large congregation.

Sister Maggie left a sorrowing husband and three small children to mourn her loss; but they sorrow not as those having no hope, as their loss is her eternal gain; and if they are faithful until death they will one day meet her in that happy home where parting is no more.

M. A. WAMPLER.

Blanco, Pa.

Home Pulpit Items.

As Farmersville is not a Money Order office, several brethren have written to know how to send money. All sums of $2.00 and under, can be sent by Registered letters at our expense. Two-cent postage stamps will be taken for fractional parts of a dollar.

Some of our brethren are afraid that the appearance of the *Home Pulpit* is a little premature—they claim that as a church we are hardly able to bear the extra strain, and that the matter contained therein might appear as a separate department in the EVANGELIST. There are several reason why this would not answer the purpose:

1. The object of the *Home Pulpit* is to reach out beyond the limits of the Brotherhood, and thus introduce the Brethren church to the Christian world in a manner more effectual than can be accomplished by a denominational journal. A church paper naturally contains much that is interesting to the members, only, and friends of that body. If it did not, then it would not be a denominational journal. The *Home Pulpit*, being entirely free from church and religious news, will be devoted exclusively to preaching the Gospel, and biblical research, and can thus reasonably expect the patronage of all Christian people.

2. All other denominations prominent in this great work of saving souls, have their literary works, and these entirely independent of their church journals besides flooding the country with missionaries in the shape of pamphlets and tracts. Outside of a few books and pamphlets on debates and the ordinances, we have nothing. It would thus appear to the Christian world as if we believed that religion consisted of nothing else than the keeping of the ordinances. Brethren, is it not time that we emerge from our obscurity and come out before the world in our true light as Progressive Christians. With but the moderate help of the brethren, the *Home Pulpit* can be made worthy the cause we advocate.

3. As we expect to continue increasing the size of the *Home Pulpit* while the price will remain the same, the EVANGELIST will not be large enough to publish what it will contain.

4. As it is claimed that the Brethren can not afford it, we call attention to what has already been said about this, a few numbers back. No member of our church who wants the *Home Pulpit*, shall be without it on account of poverty. If only those who could afford it would help us along by subscribing for it, we will take care of those who are not able to pay for it.

Rather than the plea that the EVANGELIST should publish the contents of the *Home Pulpit* should kill the enterprise, we would volunteer to write a sermon for our church journal each week.

Come brethren, help us along the best you can, and do not throw any cold water on the enterprise. We need all the encouragement we can get. We are working for the good of our cause, and we hope the time is not far distant when the whole Brotherhood will rejoice that such a magazine ever made its appearance. Those who have had any experience in these matters, know full well that there is more sacrifice than anything else in beginning such enterprises.

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